and the Act does not provide for ban on tobacco or tobacco products but only prohibits sale of such products to persons less than 18 years of age. This Act also prohibits sale of such tobacco products within a radious of 100 yards of any educational institution.

Travelling without tickets in trains

*245. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that relatives and aides of Ministers and Legislators have been found travelling without tickets in trains and consequently passengers with reserved berths have been denied accommodation;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents and the action taken in each case during 2005 and 2006; and

(c) what kind of instructions have been issued to the Railway Authorities in this regard to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) to (c) Some incidents of irregular travel by the relatives and aides of Ministers and Legislators do come to notice. Such cases are dealt with as per extant provisions of the Railways Act, 1989. Any passenger entering a reserved coach and unauthorisedly occupying a berth/seat reserved for the use of another passenger, is liable to be removed from the coach and penalized as per rules. However, no separate statistics is maintained in this regard.

Pending rail projects of Uttar Pradesh

*248. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects from Uttar Pradesh which are pending for completion;

(b) the amount allocated for these projects during each of the last three years alongwith the amount released, project-wise;

(c) the details of the projects running behind the schedule; and

(d) the action being taken for their completion and by when these are expected to be completed?